

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DASHBOARD REPORT AUGUST 2026

MISSION

La Plata Electric Association, Inc. provides its members safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost while being environmentally responsible.

STRATEGIC GOAL

Our members will, on average, pay less for electric service than 70% of Colorado cooperatives, and by 2030 we will reduce carbon emissions by more than 80% from 2005 levels, surpassing state climate goals.

VISION

-  Member Powered
-  Future Focused
-  National Leader





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Delivering Safety, Reliability, & Excellence (August 2026)

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR)*	≤ 1.5	0.0	✓
Days Away and Restricted Time Incident Rate (DART)*	≤ 0.9	0.0	✓
Lost Time Incidents	0	0	✓
Critical System Uptime	≥ 99.9	99.9	✓
Reliability (SAIDI, min/year)*	≤ 75.00	48.72	✓
Reliability (SAIFI, outages/member/year)*	≤ 0.95	0.60	✓

Energizing Tomorrow (August 2026)

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
BE Sales Increase†	160,417‡	153,288	!
kWh of Member-Installed Batteries	5,776‡	5,717	!

Empowering Community (August 2026)

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Member Engagement Events	2	12	✓
Program Participation	1,811‡	1,805	✓

Creating Member Value (Audited July 2026)

METRIC	TARGET	ACTUAL	STATUS
Operating Margin	≥ 3.0%	-1.60%	X
Cash Reserves (Days Liquidity)	90 - 120 Days	74	X
Days of Cash on Hand	≥ 30	19	X
MDSC	≥ 1.35	1.99	✓
Debt as % of Equity	< 200%	153%	✓
Equity %	25-50%	37%	✓

KPI DASHBOARD

	On Track
	Needs Attention
	Requires Focus

* This monthly reporting is based on a 12-month rolling average.
† Reporting reflects the prior months values, to ensure all data is collected.
‡ This value changes monthly to reflect a year end total.



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SAFETY PRIORITIES

No lost time incidents in August.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Completed drone inspections on the Bayfield to Pagosa 115kV line, with collected photos and video now under review.

RELIABILITY

Experienced 65 unplanned outages in August, caused mainly by lightning and by trees falling from outside the designated right-of-way.

2026 Capital Work Projects are 55% complete.

Started work on Trimble Springs 111, which will move a quarter mile of overhead line underground.

Advanced Trimble Springs 121 to 50% complete, replacing 2.35 miles of overhead three-phase conductor.

Changed 17 reject poles and installed 56 raptor protections.

Broke ground and began construction on the new Trujillo Substation.

Started phase 2 of the EDM Raptor Protection Grant with Pagosa crews, which will reduce blinks in the Arboles area while protecting wildlife.

Identified several meters, transformers, and SCADA components operating improperly using the Camus situational awareness tool, then repaired a SCADA communications wire, fixed a relay, replaced a blown fuse on a phase of a 1 MVA transformer at Purgatory Ski Resort, and replaced meters with incorrect voltage readings.

Continued deploying AMI IP infrastructure equipment to open radio capacity at the busiest towers and advance decommissioning of radio sites.

Avoided damage to Falga's power transformer and voltage regulators when a squirrel contacted the substation buswork, reflecting substation protection upgrades that replace fuses with circuit breakers.

Pole attachments and broadband statistics since January 2025:

- o In Design: 869
- o Released for Make Ready: 186
- o Make Ready Completed: 2,737
- o Fiber Attached: 615

Poles Replaced (since 2023): 474 poles (\$914,534 value)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) INTEGRATION

Built a 10-year hourly load forecast using AI by analyzing historical hourly load for each substation, normalizing for weather, and projecting future load, replacing a consultant task previously priced at \$20,000.





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SOLAR & STORAGE EXPANSION

Reframed “red zones” as self-supply zones and updated the solar interconnection map to better reflect where solar can be installed across the service territory.

- URL: lpea.coop/solar-your-neighborhood-what-know-first
- URL: lpea.coop/solar-export-queue

Executed the contract with NRTC and Texture to launch a battery DERMS program.

Started enrollment and platform testing, with Texture developing backend integration with battery OEMs ahead of October enrollment.

EVALUATE LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS

Completed excavation at the Trujillo Substation and began hauling material to the site.

Solar in Your Neighborhood: What to Know First

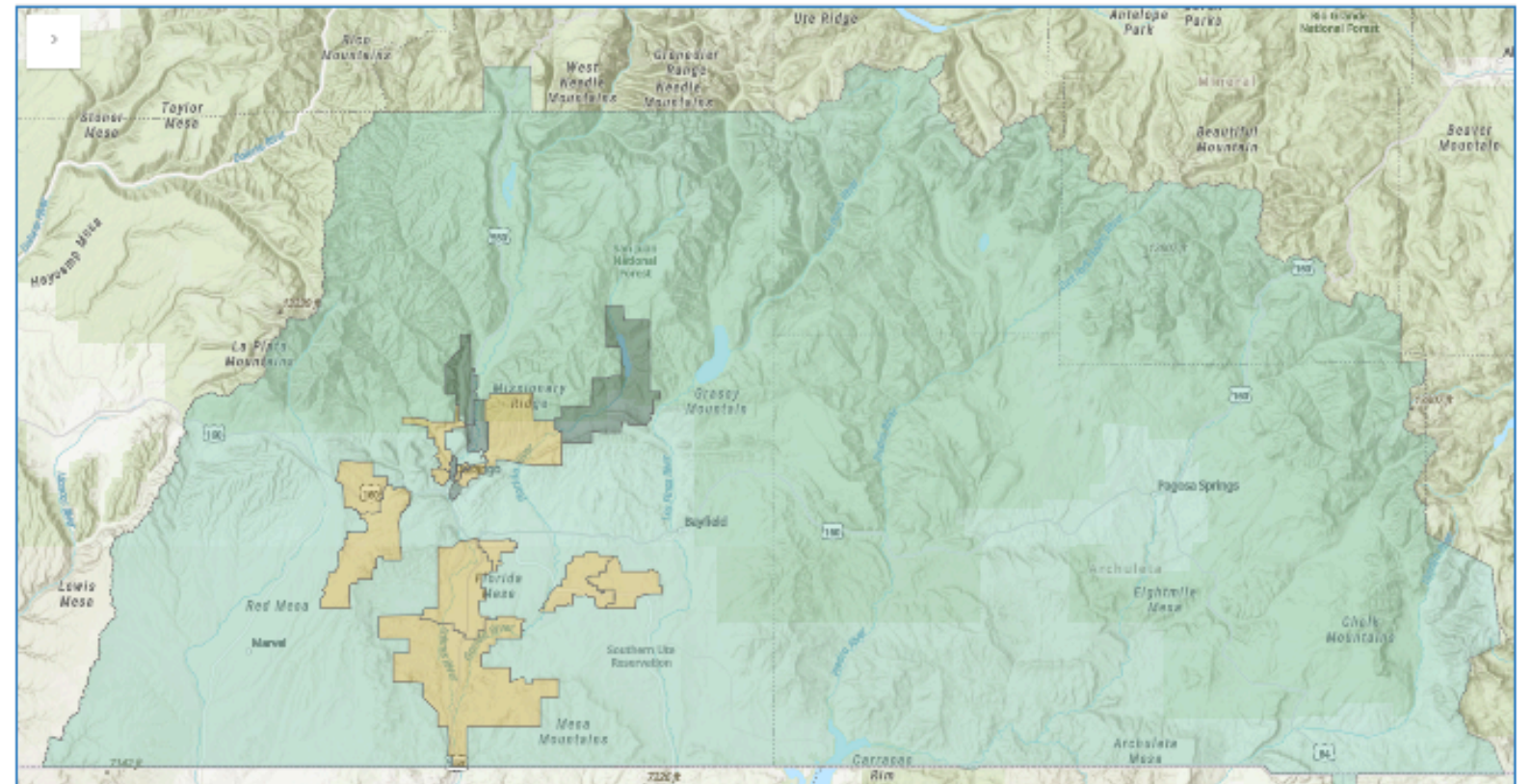
Solar Export Map

Solar can be installed anywhere in LPEA's service territory. However, when a distributed generation system, such as a rooftop solar system, is connected to the electrical grid, the amount of power it can safely export depends on local grid circumstances. In some areas, new systems may need to limit how much power they export back to the grid, through a non-exporting configuration, to protect grid safety and reliability for everyone. This does not prevent you from installing solar; it determines which type of system fits your area.

How It Works

Use the interactive map below to see whether where you live currently has full export availability for distributed generation or is in a self-supply zone. Type an address into the search bar to see the designation of the location. A description of each designation is in the table below.

1. **Search by address:** Enter a location in the search bar in the bottom right corner.
2. **Explore the Map:** Scroll and zoom to find a parcel.
3. **Note the Color of the Zone:** Use the color diagram below to understand each zone.





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MEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

Introduced all board members by district on each social platform, including contact information and history about cooperative leadership.

1 Business Events/Outreach

- Office Hours Event - Pagosa Springs (Engaged 12 members).
- Attended Mornings at El Moro to learn about legislative issues impacting our area.

3 Working Groups

- Hosted the quarterly Joint Utility Commission meeting.
- Met with contractors to complete required permits for Sunnyside solar and battery project.
- Worked with agrivoltaic partner to discuss grazing on Sunnyside property.

5 CEO Engagements

- National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) Executive Leadership Series: Harvard Certificate Program.
- Discussed regional development opportunities with CU President and Regents.
- La Plata Economic Development Alliance board of directors meeting.
- Governor’s Permitting Task Force Working Group Transmission Workshop.
- Wonderlab childcare center ribbon cutting with Senator Hickenlooper.

1 Student Events

- La Plata County Fair booth with family-friendly STEM activities (Engaged 300 members).

KEY ACCOUNT ENGAGEMENTS

Met with the City of Durango and a contractor to discuss interconnection questions as they evaluate power generation opportunities.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Presented to the Economic Development Alliance Investor Meeting.

Met with the Executive Director of the Economic Development Alliance to discuss progress on their airpark feasibility assessment and possible future power and infrastructure needs.

Met with a Region 9 Economic Development District consultant about conducting an advanced industry study for Southwest Colorado. This would address potential infrastructure needs, timelines, and policies that could affect future projects.



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If you live in Northeast La Plata County, these are your people! Meet your District 4 Board of Directors 🌟

District 4 covers the North and East portions of La Plata County, and three elected members represent your voice in the boardroom:

Tim Wheeler – Board Treasurer and Finance and Audit Committee Chair
John Purser – Board Director
John Witchel – Board Director

As a cooperative, LPEA is owned by the members it serves, and that's what makes your board so important. Directors don't run day-to-day operations, but they:

- Set the policies and long-term direction of the cooperative
- Approve budgets and major financial decisions
- Represent your interests and priorities in the boardroom
- Oversee the CEO and hold leadership accountable to the strategic goal

Want to connect with your District 4 directors? Here's how:

- Email them directly ✉️ twheeler@lpea.coop, jpurser@lpea.coop, and jwitchel@lpea.coop
- Attend a monthly board meeting, which are open to all members 🗳️ lpea.coop/board-meetings
- Show up at the Annual Meeting each spring to hear updates and vote 🗳️ lpea.coop/annual-meeting
- Run for a board seat yourself. Elections happen every year, and terms are three years with no term limits

Your co-op, your board, your voice. 💡





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POWER COST STABILITY

Advanced the *Lighten the Load* program with test events, message refinement, reporting analysis, and enrollment planning, keeping it on schedule for a fall launch.

ENERGY SERVICES OFFERINGS

Executed an agreement with ClearResult to provide curated content and financial calculators on our website to help members evaluate electrification decisions involving electric vehicles, heat pumps and heat pump water heaters.

Continued conversations with USDA's RESP program to further develop our energy services offerings for members.

ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN STATE & REGIONAL ENERGY INITIATIVES

Held discussions with SPP leadership about regional markets and future requirements.





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